

Remarks/Arguments

The Examiner has objected to the Abstract of the Disclosure and claims 1, 3 and 9 because of the phrase "stalk-like". The Abstract and claims 1, 3 and 9 have now been amended to address this issue. The Examiner has also rejected claims 1, 3, 9 and 10 under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wuebbels '225 and Ryan. However, the Examiner has indicated that claims 4-8 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, claims 1, 3, and 9 have been amended to include the subject matter of 4, claim 4 has now been cancelled.

In conclusion, it is believed that this application is in condition for allowance, and such allowance is respectfully requested.

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Respectfully,



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